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### **Stormwater Mural Aids Education in Fassnight Park**

What do the environment, fine arts and education have in common? The answer is water!

The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Ozarks Technical Community College, Ozark Greenways, James River Basin Partnership and the City of Springfield have partnered to have an educational mural along the Ozark Greenways trail in Fassnight Park.

Ozarks Technical Community College Fine Arts student, Karesse Wilkey designed and painted the mural as part of an educational component of a Big Urbie Stormwater Grant. The mural is a reminder that our actions make a difference and every person can help keep our water clean.

The unveiling of the educational stormwater mural will take place Tuesday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m. and will coincide with the City of Springfield and Springfield-Greene County Park Board's celebration of the completion of Fassnight Park Waterway/ Stormwater Improvement Project.

The Springfield/Greene County Urban Watershed Stewardship Project, also known as the "Big Urbie" Grant, is partially funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, and is administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks applied for the grant in partnership with the City of Springfield's Department of Public Works Stormwater Engineering Division, Missouri State University's Ozarks Environmental and Water Resources Institute, Greene County Resource Management, James River Basin Partnership, Missouri Project WET, and Ozark Greenways.

The grant will include installation of numerous "green" stormwater management practices, monitoring of their effectiveness at reducing and treating pollutants commonly found in urban stormwater runoff, and will educate the public about stormwater.

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